

NOVENA
TO THE GREAT
SAINT JOSEPH



SPOUSE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
PROTECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
PATRON OF WORKERS

Nihil obstat.

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IN HONOR OF THE GREAT

SAINT JOSEPH

PROTECTOR OF THE
MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST
TO IMPORE HIS INTERCESSION



HOW TO MAKE A NOVENA

1. Fix definitely in your mind the intentions for which you are praying.
2. Renew these intentions often during the nine days.
3. Follow the prescribed form of the Novena.
4. Attend the devotions on nine consecutive days of the Novena.
5. Receive Holy Communion as often as possible.
6. Pray for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.
7. Make Acts of Submission to God's Holy Will.
8. Give alms, according to your means, to the poor.
9. In all your works, exercise the Christian virtue of Charity.

THE PUBLIC NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

As the Celebrant enters the sanctuary all rise.

Kneel while the following hymn is sung:

Come, Holy Spirit

COME Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come, with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
|| :To fill the hearts which Thou hast
made. :||

Praise we the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, with Them One;
And may the Son on us bestow
|| :The gifts that from the Spirit flow.||

To be said by Priest and People:

St. Joseph's Memorare

REMEMBER, O most pure spouse of
the blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet
protector, St. Joseph, that no one ever had
recourse to thy protection, implored thy
help, or sought thy mediation without ob-

taining relief. Confiding, therefore, in thy goodness, I come into thy presence and fervently recommend myself to thy care and protection. O despise not, most loving foster father of my Redeemer, the petition of thy humble client, but graciously hear and grant it. Amen.

*(300 days: applicable to the souls
in Purgatory.*

—Pius IX., June 26, 1863.)

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O BLESSED ST. JOSEPH, I consecrate myself to thy honor, and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thy example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

Petition

O GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign heart of Jesus all the help and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly for the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore.

(Here mention the request.)

O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that your prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Say the following versicle seven times in honor of the seven joys and seven sorrows of St. Joseph:

Priest: O Glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name.—

People: Hear our prayers—and obtain our petitions.

LITANIES

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

St. Joseph,

Renowned offspring of David,

Light of patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,

Foster Father of the Son of God,

Diligent protector of Christ,

Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph most just,

Joseph most chaste,

Joseph most prudent,

Joseph most strong,

Pray for us.

Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of laborers,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the wretched,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of
the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of
the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of
the world, *have mercy on us.*

Priest: He made him the lord of His
household.

People: and prince over all His posses-
sions.

Priest:

Let us Pray

O GOD, Who in Thy ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most Holy Mother; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may have for our advocate in heaven him whom we venerate as our protector on earth: Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

To be said by Priest and People:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

(300 days' indulgence each time all three invocations are recited; 100 days when one only is recited. Pius VII, April 28, 1807.)

Prayers to St. Joseph for the Agonizing

*(Three hundred days' indulgence.
Once a day.)*

The Priest leads—the People respond

Eternal Father, by Thy love for St. Joseph, whom Thou didst select from all men to represent Thee upon earth, have mercy on us and on the dying. *Pater, Ave, Gloria.*

Eternal Divine Son, by Thy love for St. Joseph, who was Thy faithful Guardian upon earth, have mercy on us and on the dying. *Pater, Ave, Gloria.*

Eternal Divine Spirit, by Thy love for St. Joseph, who so carefully watched over Mary, Thy beloved Spouse, have mercy on us and on the dying. *Pater, Ave, Gloria.*

(Leo XIII, May 17, 1884.)

Let us pray for one another
(Priest and People)

REMEMBER us, O blessed Joseph, and with the favor of thy prayer plead with Him Who was deemed to be thy Son; and render gracious to us thy most Blessed Virgin Spouse the Mother of Him Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen.

(100 days, indulgence once a day.—
LEO XIII., Dec., 1899.)

Priest: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(100 days, three times a day.)

The doxology is repeated three times.

All stand for the singing of the

Hymn to St. Joseph

DEAR guardian of Mary, fond guide of
her child;

Life's ways are full weary, the desert is
wild;

Bleak sands are all round us no home can
we see;

Sweet spouse of our Lady, we lean upon
thee.

For thou to the pilgrim art father and
guide,

And Jesus and Mary felt safe at thy side.
Ah, blessed Saint Joseph! how safe should
I be,

Sweet spouse of our Lady, if thou wert with
me!

O blessed Saint Joseph! how great was thy
worth;

The one chosen shadow of God upon earth;
The father of Jesus—ah! then, wilt thou be,
Sweet spouse of our Lady, a father to me?

Discourse

All kneel
Benediction Hymns

O Saving Victim Opening Wide

O SAVING Victim of the world,
Who opens wide the gates on high,
The foe his bands on us hath hurled,
O, give us strength; for aid we cry.
To Thee, one Lord, yet three in one,
Let everlasting glory be:

O grant us life that end hath none,
In Fatherland to spend with Thee.—Amen.

Pater, Ave and Gloria—thrice for the sick
and dying.

Down in Adoration Falling

DOWN in adoration falling,
Lo! the Sacred Host we hail!
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,

Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.
To the Everlasting Father,

And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,

Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty.—Amen.

V. Panem de coelo praestitisi eis (Alleluia).

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. (Alleluia).

Oremus

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus; qui vivis, etc. Amen.

Remain silent, while the Celebrant blesses the congregation with the Most August Sacrament.

The Divine Praises

BLESSED be God.

Blessed be His holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary
most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Con-
ception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and
mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste
Spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His
Saints.

*After the Priest reposes the
Blessed Sacrament stand and sing the
Hymn of Thanksgiving*

HOLY God, we praise Thy Name!
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!

All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee:

|| :Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.:||

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angels choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,

|| :Fill the heavens with sweet accord;
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord! :||

Prayer to Saint Joseph

*Ordered by Pope Leo XIII,
for the Month of October*

TO thee, O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our tribulations, and while imploring the aid of thy most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that love which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the fatherly affection with which thou didst embrace the Infant Jesus, we humbly beseech thee graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood, and to help us in our necessities by thy powerful intercession.

Protect, O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ; ward off from us, O most loving Father, all taint of error, and corruption; graciously assist us from Heaven, O most powerful Protector, in our struggle with the powers of darkness; and as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent peril to His life, so now defend the Holy Church of God from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us with thy unceasing

patronage, that imitating thy example, and supported by thy aid, we may be enabled to live a good life, die a holy death, and secure everlasting happiness in heaven.—
Amen.

(Seven years and quarantines if said after the Rosary in October. 300 days once a day, at other times.)

St. Joseph's Blessing

MAY the poverty of my sweet and suffering little Child be your riches; His sighs and His tears the consolation of your days; the love of His adorable Heart your earthly treasure, your all; and the clear vision of His adorable and glorified humanity be your eternal joy and recompense.

Amen.

Great St. Joseph, Pray for me.



